

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No: 10/725,929  
Applicants: Chiyoko Matsumi et al.  
Filed: December 3, 2003  
Title: RECORDING AND REPRODUCING SYSTEM, RECORDING APPARATUS,  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS, RECORD MEDIUM, RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING METHOD, RECORDING METHOD, REPRODUCING METHOD,  
PROGRAM AND RECORD MEDIUM  
T.C./A.U.: 2161  
Examiner: Monica M. Pyo  
Confirmation No.: 4475  
Docket No.: MTS-3580US

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants' representative was contacted by the Examiner on December 15, 2010. The Examiner indicated that if certain changes were made to the claims the application would be allowed. The specifics of the Examiner's Amendment were discussed with Applicants' Representative. Applicants' Representative advised the Examiner that authorization from the Applicant was necessary before an agreement could be reached. The Examiner indicated that agreement must be received by December 17, 2010.

Applicants' Representative obtained authorization for the Examiner's Amendment on December 16, 2010, and advised the Examiner. Subsequently, Applicants' Representative received a follow-up e-mail from the Examiner indicating that an additional change was required to claim 1 otherwise the claim would be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants' Representative questioned the propriety of this further change and requested that the Examiner reconsider. The Examiner called Applicants' Representative back later that day indicating that the initial change to claim 1 was unnecessary and further that early indicated changes to certain claims regarding the recited record medium were unnecessary.

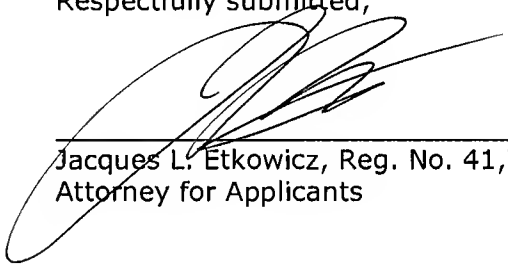
The Examiner then made a new requirement that "a record medium" recited within the body of clause 2 of the claims 9 and 10 be recited as an separate clause. Applicants'

Representative advised the Examiner that he was not authorized to make further changes to the claims and would need to seek authorization from the Applicants. The Examiner indicated that authorization must be received by the next day, Friday, December 17, 2010.

Applicants' Representative contacted the Applicants and was advised that the individual from whom authorization must be obtained was unavailable until the beginning of the following week. Applicants' Representative then requested that the Examiner grant a few additional days in which to obtain authorization. Applicants request was initially denied, but upon Applicants' representative contacting Supervisory Examiner Apu Mofiz by telephone, the request was granted. Examiner Mofiz now requires that Applicants respond to the Examiner's additional requirement by Monday, December 20, 2010.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of this extension to respond.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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